Education Committee

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Dear Education Committee Members,

I am opposed to

- S.B. 738: An Act Concerning the Creation of Regional School Districts,
- S.B. 457: An Act Concerning the Size of School Districts and
- S.B. 874: An Act Concerning Education Initiatives and Services in CT.

Most concerning regarding these three bills is not only the fact that they dictate regional consolidation of our schools, but that not one of them addresses student outcomes. It is irresponsible to talk about changes to an educational model without speaking to the quality of education delivered and providing reasonable predictive evidence that these changes will achieve the intended outcomes.

I request that the State Legislature not approve further action on these bills.

Please oppose all regionalization bills. It is our right to govern ourselves and choose our own educational standards.

Sincerely, Catherine Neligan Ridgefield, CT